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SUBJECT: JORDAN TO ABSTAIN AT UNGA VOTE ON THIRD COMMITTEE
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(C) Poloff delivered Ref A demarche December 18 to Khalid Takhayneh, head of the Foreign Ministry's Disarmament Section. Takhayneh was acting on behalf of Azzam Almeddin, deputy director of the International Organizations Department. Takhayneh confirmed that Foreign Minister Khatib was aware of the pending vote, and told poloff that a decision to abstain had already been made. Takhayneh said that Jordan, from a humanitarian point of view, didn't want to politicize or use human rights as a tool to force governments to change their behavior. Takhayneh also informed poloff that the Foreign Ministry had received a diplomatic note from Tehran, and a diplomatic note from the Iranian embassy in Amman, asking Jordan to vote against the Third Committee resolutions.
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